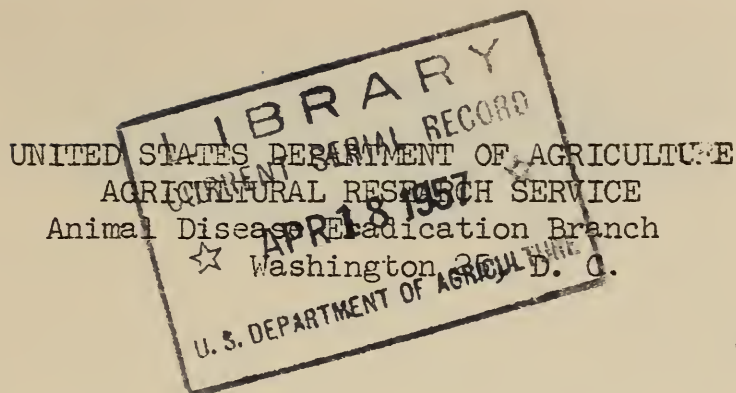


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June 6, 1956

ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 506.6
Supplement No. 2

To : All ADE Branch Stations

From : Asa Winter, Acting Chief of Branch

Subject: Procedures for Obtaining Tuberculosis Eradication Data

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this supplement is to emphasize the importance of obtaining information concerning foci of infection.

II GENERAL

Reports on Form ADE 6-4 and related forms have revealed a variety of problems that have been diligently explored by field personnel.

In some instances infection has been especially noticeable in cattle that have passed through various trade channels. In other instances, when reacting animals have been raised in the herd the probable source of infection is sometimes listed as unknown. This frequently poses the question of whether or not the infection could have been introduced through animals brought into the herd and which were removed without being tested in the herd. It is important that careful consideration be given to this possibility in an effort to locate the source of infection. Your determination as to the apparent or most likely source of infection should be indicated by a statement on the back of Form ADE 6-4.

In order to obtain maximum results from the eradication program, careful consideration must be given to each infected or exposed animal and each contact herd.

Asa Winter



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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
ANIMAL DISEASE ERADICATION BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

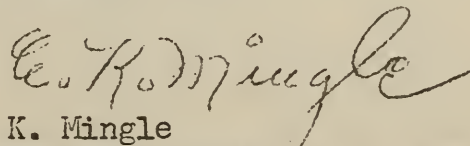
Dear Dr,

The purpose of this letter is to furnish notification that the modified-certified brucellosis-free status of the county(ies) listed below expires within the next three to four months:

Your attention is directed to the provisions of ADE Branch Memorandum 505.6, dated July 13, 1956, subject--Establishing and Maintaining modified-certified brucellosis-free areas.

If a properly executed form ADE 4-1 is not received prior to the expiration date, immediate action will be taken to remove the county(ies) from the certified list as published in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sub-part D 78.13. You are further reminded of the provisions of Paragraph V of ADE Branch Memorandum 504.6, which permit recertification under the provisions of Section II, Area Recertification, of Part II of the UNIFORM METHODS AND RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFIED BRUCELLOSIS-FREE HERDS OF CATTLE OF MODIFIED-CERTIFIED AREAS. Any county not qualifying for recertification during this six-months period shall be required to re-establish its certified status through testing procedures as outlined under Part II, Section I, of the UNIFORM METHODS AND RULES.

Very truly yours,



C. K. Mingle
Brucellosis Eradication Section

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
Animal Disease Eradication Branch
Washington 25, D. C.

April 6, 1956

ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 506.6
Supplement No. 1

To : All ADE Branch Stations
From : R. J. Anderson, Chief of Branch *R. J. Anderson*
Subject : Procedures for Obtaining Tuberculosis Eradication Data

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this supplement is to clarify and amend instructions covering the use of forms ADE 6-2, 6-4, and 6-4A.

II GENERAL

The response to the procedures for compilation of data relating to tuberculosis, as outlined in ADE Branch Memorandum No. 506.6, dated December 20, 1955, has been encouraging. It is realized that these procedures may have appeared rather formidable when first reviewed. However, the comments received from the field support our contention that a uniform reporting system leading to the tracing of reactors and exposed animals is essential for an efficient eradication program.

It appears that a few stations have not initiated the system as promptly as might be anticipated. Complete data on the forms indicated should be submitted promptly in order that appropriate tracing of diseased or exposed animals may be started with a minimum of delay.

III CHANGES IN INSTRUCTIONS

The following changes should be made in the instructions under Paragraph III, "Use of Forms," as shown in memorandum No. 506.6:

A. Form ADE 6-2, "Monthly Report of Tuberculosis Eradication"

Under Section 2, Block 4, of the form, "Test for Interstate Shipment," include tests for export. Those tests that do not correctly fit into the classifications in blocks numbered 1 through 9 should be reported under block 10, "Other." So far as possible, please show the special classification of tests recorded in block 10. It is hoped that procedures may be developed in each State to provide for the reporting of a minimum number of tests under this block.

B. Form ADE 6-4, "Report on Herds Revealing Reactors or Suspects to Tuberculosis Tests"

Disregard "suspects" wherever it appears in the instructions, except that suspects should be reported as indicated under "Herd History."

C. Form ADE 6-4A, "Identification and History of Reactors Found"

Including "suspects" on ADE 6-4A may be discontinued when reporting to the Washington office. History of suspects may be obtained at the discretion of local cooperating officials.

IV PROCUREMENT OF FORMS

Future requests for forms ADE 6-2 and the 6-4 series should be submitted to the appropriate Regional Business Office.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Research Service
Animal Disease Eradication Branch
Washington 25, D. C.

December 20,, 1955

ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 506.6

To: All ADE Branch Stations
From: A. F. Ranney, Chief, Tuberculosis Eradication Section
Subject: Procedures for Obtaining Tuberculosis Eradication Data

I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to furnish instructions covering the use of Forms ADE 6-2 (12-55), ADE 6-4 (11-55), ADE 6-4A, ADE 6-4B and ADE 6-4C.

II OBJECTIVES

The reports on these new and revised forms are desired for the purpose of providing a more comprehensive compilation of data in order that studies may be made to assist us in carrying on the tuberculosis eradication project in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We need to know more about where to concentrate our program activities.

III USE OF FORMS

A. Form ADE 6-2 (Revised 12-55), "Monthly Report of Tuberculosis Eradication"

This form (revised) will be sent to you soon and should be used for your January report. A sample of the revised portion (Section 2) is enclosed for advance information and planning. The column headings in the revised Section are self-explanatory. Each State should report under the appropriate classification all tests conducted within its geographic area including tests made at stockyards. The totals of Section 2 should equal totals reported in Section 1 except for the last three columns in the new Section. This information will serve as a basis for comparing the information reported on the other forms relating to infected, suspicious and exposed animals and herds.

B. Form ADE 6-4, (Revised 11-55) "Report on Herd Revealing Reactors or Suspects to Tuberculin Tests"

This form is to be used as follows:

- (1) The first time a ~~quarantined herd~~ is tested after January 1, 1956.

- (2) The first time, after January 1, 1956, that reactors or suspects are revealed in a herd, not reported under (1).
- (3) For recording the retest to determine the status of suspects.
- (4) For recording the test to qualify the herd for release from quarantine.

The "Date of Test" (reading date) top of form should be filled in to show the most recent test as recorded under "Herd History." This will be of assistance in assembling the various forms that relate to the particular test.

Information as to whether the herd is made up of dairy or beef cattle should, over a period of time, give more specific information than we now have relative to the type of animals or herds in which the highest incidence of infection is found.

The first ADE 6-4 submitted for each herd should contain a complete record of all tuberculin tests applied in the herd with the post-mortem results if available. When reactors or suspects are revealed in a herd already covered by a previous ADE 6-4, it will be necessary to list only those tests made subsequent to those included in the last report.

In a few States records on herds may be available covering many yearly tests. In such instances the ADE 6-4 should include at least the five most recent tests and a statement may be made to indicate the general status of the herd as revealed by prior tests.

The word "deviators" under Herd History means any deviation from normal, or disturbance, at the point of injecting tuberculin in animals other than those classified as reactors or suspects.

Under "Lesions" the total number of carcasses classified should equal the number of reactors reported.

It is desired that a check mark be placed in the appropriate column under "Post-Mortem" to indicate the agency that carried out the inspection of the carcass.

The information on the back of this form should be answered each time a report on the herd is submitted.

The name of the veterinarian making the test should be shown under "Veterinarian," followed by his classification

EXAMPLE: ADE - Regularly employed Federal
St. - " " State
Co. - " " County
Acc.- for accredited(disregard source
of payment).

A copy of this completed report is to be forwarded to the Branch to be included as part of the data for the herd.

C. Form ADE 6-4A, "Identification and History of Reactors and Suspects Found"

In order to procure complete information this form should ordinarily be filled out before reactors leave the farm or ranch.

The complete information on reactors will be of assistance in determining their origin.

Similar information on suspects should be of value to veterinarians retesting these animals.

A copy of this completed report is to be forwarded to the Branch to be included as part of the data for the herd.

D. Form ADE 6-4B, "Identification of Exposed Animals Sold From Infected Herds"

Data for this form should be obtained at the same time as for ADE 6-4A. This form should be used to compile a record of exposed animals especially those sold for dairy or breeding purposes that have been removed from infected herds since the herd probably became infected. In many instances all sales since the previous test should be considered.

Problems may arise in obtaining data on animals reported sold for slaughter. All reasonable effort should be made by the inspector to insure that such animals actually went to slaughter. In cases where several animals have been reported sold for slaughter over a period of time it may be advisable to make a notation under "Remarks" to this effect giving data as to when and to what agencies the animals were consigned and the approximate number involved. If sales involve feeder cattle data relative to such sales should be included.

A copy of this completed report is to be forwarded to the Branch to be included as part of the data for the herd.

E. Form ADE 6-4C, "Report of Investigation for Evidence of Tuberculosis"

The "Name" to be listed at the top of this form is that of the owner whose herd should be checked for possible infection either as a result of selling animals that later reacted or because of introduction of exposed animals from an infected herd.

The second "Name of Herd Owner" is for the herd where reactors were found.

This form is designed for use in both interstate and intrastate movement.

It is anticipated that in most instances this form will be completed at the station headquarters.

When interstate movement is involved distribution should be made as indicated on the form, the State to which the report is sent should be indicated, and the Veterinarian in Charge receiving the report should assure that the back of the form is completed following the investigation. In case of intrastate movement the name of the district, area, or other inspector to whom the request for investigation is made may be shown.

When the form is used for an investigation that does not involve another State, one copy of the completed form, after full investigation has been consummated, should be forwarded to the Washington office.

It is anticipated that this form will be handled essentially the same as form ADE 6-35, except that in the case of reacting or exposed animals form ADE 6-4C is initiated by an ADE Branch Station instead of by a Meat Inspection Branch Station.

When international movement is involved this form should be executed and three copies forwarded to this office for appropriate action.

This form should be used for each herd where an investigation is indicated. One group of reactors in a herd may result in the use of several sets of the form.

Any pertinent information obtained from health charts that accompanied animals moved interstate should be shown under "Remarks." The form 6-4C is printed to accommodate two reactors or two exposed animals. When more than this number of animals is involved it may be advantageous to use the "Remarks" column for any additional animals or use a copy of form ADE 6-4A or 6-4B as a supplement.

IV GENERAL

It is anticipated that as this system of obtaining data is reviewed and tested in the field many appropriate and valuable suggestions will be forthcoming. In the interest of tuberculosis eradication any suggestions will be welcome.

Assembling the data reported, by a machine record system, printing the forms in pads, and using colored paper to help distinguish the different forms more readily are some of the matters under consideration.

As the initial supply of these forms is limited and must be reordered soon, proposals for changing the forms and simplifying or improving the procedures

should be submitted promptly. A supply of these forms, with the exception of ADE 6-2, has been sent to each station under separate cover. Additional forms may temporarily be requested by letter directed to the Branch.

A. F. Ramsey

Enclosure

